

REMARKS

The Notice of Allowance dated April 6, 2007, in which claims 2-8 and 10-17 were allowed, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are respectfully submitted for consideration.

Claims 3-6, 8, 11-14, and 16 have been amended to be in independent form. No new matter has been added. Claims 2-8 and 10-17 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

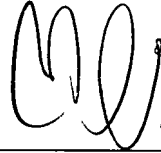
The Office Action dated December 21, 2006 indicated that claims 2-6, 8, 10-14 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In the Response filed on March 16, 2007, Applicants amended claims 2 and 10 to be in independent form. By this response, Applicants have amended claims 3-6, 8, 11-14, and 16 to also be in independent form.

Therefore, Applicants submit that, as indicated in the Office Action of December 21, 2006, claims 3-6, 8, 11-14, and 16 remain in condition for allowance. As such, Applicants respectfully request that a new Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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